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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/609,337	Applicant(s) HOSAKA ET AL.	
	Examiner Aashish Karkhanis	Art Unit 3714	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims – 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fraley (U.S. Patent 4,712,799).

Regarding Claims 1 – 2, 4 – 6 and 8 – 9, Fraley discloses a demonstration display game machine and a method for a game machine including displaying a changing display screen on a display unit (col. 1, lins. 33 – 37), wherein said changing display screen corresponds to a presentation pattern which is stored on a storage unit and is determined from among a plurality of presentation patterns arranged in a predetermined presentation sequence in a presentation specifying table, based on predetermined conditions (col. 1, lins. 59 – 62; where presentation patterns are reel game symbols, a predetermined presentation sequence is a sequence of reel game symbols designed to simulate a mechanical reel which is stored sequentially in memory) identifying a start pattern and a stationary pattern of said presentation pattern, based on a record of said presentation specifying table corresponding to said presentation pattern (col. 9, lins. 38 – 42; where starting and ending symbols are presentation patterns chosen before the start of play), successively displaying said changing display screen on said display unit using a control unit, wherein said changing display screen

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corresponds to each successive presentation pattern in said presentation specifying table, based on the predetermined presentation sequence (col. 10, lins. 1 – 12; where a changing display scrolls through reel symbols stored in memory), and displaying the pattern designated by the start pattern designation at the start of the display of the changing display screen if a start signal has occurred (col. 9, lins 63 – 68) and displaying the pattern designated by the last stationary pattern designation at the end of the display of said changing display screen if play has stopped (col. 10, lins. 13 – 17).

Regarding Claims 3 and 7, Fraley discloses a demonstration display method for a game machine including arranging the presentation sequence of the presentation specifying table stored in a storage unit for demonstratively displaying said changing display screen in accordance with a user defined demonstrating sequence (col. 9, lins. 13 – 26; col. 9, lins. 38 – 42; where a presentation specifying table stored in memory is used to generate a demonstrating sequence as described above, and where a user redefines a sequence to be displayed by initiating a SPIN routine which chooses start and end locations for a new demonstrating sequence to be shown), successively displaying said changing display screen using a control unit starting from a presentation pattern designated from the plurality of presentation patterns (col. 10, lins. 1 – 12; where a changing display scrolls through reel symbols stored in memory).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

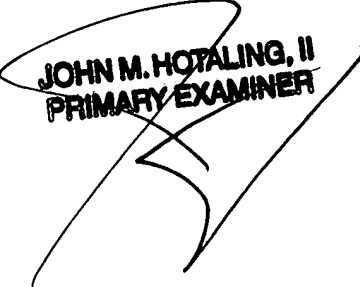
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aashish Karkhanis whose telephone number is (571) 272-2774. The examiner can normally be reached on 0800-1630 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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